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In re Application of:
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For: COMPOSITE METAL-TO-METAL SEAL
HAVING A RELATIVELY SOFT METAL
OVERLAY AND A RELATIVELY HARD
METAL CORE

Group Art Unit: 3626

Examiner: V. Patel

Atty. Dkt. No.: LTVA:102/AUC

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, it is believed that no fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. If the Commissioner determines otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the necessary fee from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2508/LTVA:102/AUC.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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